



# Charging Your Recall Cue

Dogs don't speak English, so if we want them to respond to a word, we need to teach them what it means! We can't just shout 'fido come' and hope they get it, teaching a reliable recall needs time and lots and lots of repetition.

Dogs can't understand the concept of 'leave all the fun and come here' but what they can understand is 'when the human makes that noise, something excellent happens!' That's what we're going to teach them.

## **Picking your recall cue:**

It needs to be a word you don't use in any other context (don't use their name because I bet you say that all the time!)

When you say the recall cue say it in the most exciting voice you can! Dig down and find that inner children's TV presenter

## **Picking your reward:**

What does your dog love more than anything else? Is it a game of tuggy or is it food?

If it's food what is their absolute favourite food?

## **How to Play:**

1. Get yourself a good handful of your dogs favourite treats or thier favourite tuggy toy and sit down with your dog in front of you.
2. Say thier recall cue and produce the tuggy toy or the treat

We're not expecting them to respond to the cue yet, produce the reward regardless of what they're doing!

3. Repeat, Repeat, Repeat!